

FISCAL NOTE

HB 427 - SB 592

April 4, 2001

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates a pilot project in Bradley, Polk, McMinn, and Monroe Counties to provide the services of guardians ad litem, including nonlawyer guardians ad litem, to represent the interest of abused, neglected, or dependent juveniles. The program would consist of volunteer guardians ad litem, a program attorney and a program coordinator who would be paid full-time state employees. The Administrative Office of the Courts shall monitor this pilot project and report to the General Assembly by October, 2002. The bill appropriates \$99,000 to fund the pilot project for one year. The pilot project will cease July 1, 2003.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures - \$96,900 Recurring
\$10,500 One-Time**

Provides for salaries and benefits for program attorney and program coordinator positions and associated operating costs, including one-time costs for needed equipment and start-up items.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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